

Louisiana Support Network (LSN)

The LSN is a grassroots coalition, led and organized by residents of Cancer Alley, seeking the support of environmental justice, civil rights, and human rights organizations around the world.

Frame

GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW (see **Resource Kit, Globalization Frames**)

Access Rules

The following teams have automatic access: **Progressive Caucus, AFL-CIO**. Other teams require your permission to meet with you.

Success Indicators

Environmental Quality Index (EQ): This begins at 100 and is increased by actions that improve the quality of the air, soil, and water in Cancer Alley and is decreased by actions that make health hazards even worse than at present.

Poverty Reduction (PR): This begins at 100 and is increased by actions that reduce poverty and unemployment. It is decreased by actions that increase poverty or unemployment.

Constituency Support (CS): This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that increase financial and political support for the LSN. It is lowered by actions that decrease financial and political support for the LSN by allies and potential supporters.

Overall Success = $(EQ + PR + CS)/3$

Recommended to Print from Resource Kit:

You should make hard copies of the following parts of the Resource Kit to read ahead of time or bring with you to the game sessions:

- *** Glossary of Technical Terms
- *** GLOBALIZATION WITH A HUMAN FACE frame.
- *** Zones of Action
- *** About CERD
- *** Microcredit Programs
- *** ILO Fundamental Conventions

LSN Action Options

The following action options are available. You may adopt as many as you choose or none at all.

- ___ I. Initiate and provide leadership for a national campaign to increase understanding and awareness of environmental justice issues by various national and international publics -- and of the significance of the Cancer Alley situation in particular, as a compelling negative example.
- ___ II. Join a delegation to the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, asking the Commission to declare the United States in violation of the CERD (of which the U.S. is a signatory). The U.S. would be required to provide a report to the Commission, due in one year, on its efforts to eliminate the racially discriminatory nature of the environmental and health hazards that currently exist in Cancer Alley.
- ___ III. Join a microfinancing campaign to get U.S. and international investors to provide substantial loans to community-based banks in Cancer Alley for the purpose of encouraging small agricultural co-ops and other small businesses, local barter networks, and other sustainable, non-polluting enterprises.
- ___ IV. Join an anti-corporate campaign against HAZMAT. The anti-corporate campaign has three zones of activities. Indicate in which of these sets of activities your team will participate. (See **Resource Kit, Zones of Action** for more details).

___ IVa. Green zone activities. This includes public criticism of HAZMAT's planned projects, highlighting the hazardous conditions in Cancer Alley and the ways in which HAZMAT's proposed plants contribute to environmental racism, letters to Congress, and other strictly legal and protected public speech.

Specify the activities:

___ IVb. Yellow zone activities. This includes other strictly non-violent actions, including civil disobedience, that may have elements of risk. In the case of HAZMAT, who contracts with governments and other companies rather than selling a product directly to consumers, this includes secondary boycotts and other actions against companies and/or governments that do business with HAZMAT. It also includes civil disobedience during the construction phase of one or more HAZMAT plants. Specify the activities:

___ IVc. Red zone activities. This includes activities that are illegal and not strictly non-violent including those that are confrontational and intended to disrupt the completion of HAZMAT projects in Cancer Alley. This includes blocking of access to HAZMAT construction sites and sabotage of the completion of construction. Specify the activities:

___ V. Other (specify): ¹

¹ You should check with the game coordinator who will rule whether such an action would be possible in the real world.

LSN Press Release

(This should be written on the assumption that the details of the scenario itself are already known and have been reported earlier and should focus on the actions you have taken during phase three – and, if relevant, possible actions that you have not taken.)

LSN Broadcast Rating Form

The LSN monitors all three broadcasts:

WUSA

Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of the LSN covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

_____ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.

_____ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.

_____ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. Did the coverage increase understanding and awareness of environmental justice issues by various national and international publics and of the significance of the Cancer Alley situation in particular, as a compelling negative example.

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EuroPress

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Liberation Press

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